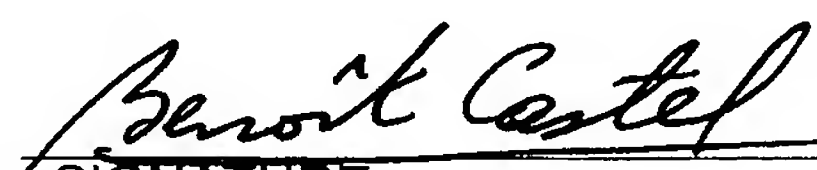


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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371   |  | Attorney Docket No.<br><b>2540-1033</b>        |
|  |  | U.S. Application No.<br><b>107551379</b>       |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO.<br><b>PCT/IT2004/000159</b>   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br><b>March 29, 2004</b> | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br><b>March 31, 2003</b> |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>PACKAGE FOR PASTA, MACHINE AND METHOD FOR OBTAINING SAID PACKAGE</b>  |  |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Cosimo RUMMO</b>   |  |  |
| <p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).<br/>The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv). ))</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of IDS citations.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet &amp; document(s)).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Itemized Return Receipt Postcard</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR §3.73(b) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed Power of Attorney</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A change of Power of Attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <b><u>Abstract, International Search Report</u></b></li> </ol> |  |  |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. <b>10/551379</b>  |  | INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO. PCT/IT2004/000159 |  | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 2540-1033 |                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:   |  |  |  |                               | <b>CALCULATIONS</b><br>PTO USE ONLY |
| <b>PCT FEES - NATIONAL STAGE</b>   |  |  |  |                               |                                     |
| <u>Fee Description</u>   |  |  |  |                               |                                     |
| Basic National Stage Fee   |  |  |  |                               | \$150.00                            |
| Non ISA/US Search Provided National Stage Search Fee   |  |  |  |                               | \$200.00                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US was the IPEA And all claims satisfied the provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4) National Stage Examination Fee  |  |  |  |                               | \$100.00                            |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20- <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (Fee Code 1617/2617)   |  |  |  |                               | \$0.00                              |
| National Stage Application size fee each additional 50 sheets in excess of 100   |  | Additional Sheets                          |  | Fee From Below                |                                     |
|  |  | 22 - 100 = _____ X                         |  | \$125.00                      | \$0.00                              |
| Fee Code 1681/2681   |  | 50   |  |                               |                                     |
| <b>CLAIMS</b>  |  | NUMBER FILED                               | NUMBER EXTRA   | RATE                          |                                     |
| Independent Claims Fee Codes 1614 / 2614   |  | 3 - 3 =                                    |  | x \$100.00                    | \$0.00                              |
| Total Claims Fee Codes 1615 / 2615   |  | 30 - 20 =                                  | 10   | x \$25.00                     | \$250.00                            |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) Fee Code 1616 / 2616   |  |  |  | + \$360.00                    | \$0.00                              |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). Fee Code 1618   |  |  |  |                               | \$0.00                              |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). (Fee code 8021) \$40.00 per property +   |  |  |  |                               | \$40.00                             |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>   |  |  |  |                               | <b>\$740.00</b>                     |
|  |  |  |  |                               | Amount to be refunded: \$           |
|  |  |  |  |                               | Charged: \$                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the above fees is attached.<br><input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the name of Young & Thompson. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17. |  |  |  |                               |                                     |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:<br>YOUNG & THOMPSON<br>745 South 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street<br>Arlington, VA 22202<br>Telephone: (703) 521-2297<br>Facsimile: (703) 685-0573  |  |  | <br>SIGNATURE |                               |                                     |
| Y&T Customer No. <b>00466</b><br>BC/yr   |  |  | Benoit Castel, Reg. No. 35,041<br>NAME, REGISTRATION NUMBER  |                               |                                     |
|  |  |  | September 29, 2005<br>DATE   |                               |                                     |